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The Listing of Claims set forth below shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of using crushed glass for removing oil from an oil containing surfaces, comprising the step of: applying crushed said glass to said the oil containing surface, wherein said glass is formed by the process of (a) crushing glass using an impact crusher, hammer mill, cone crusher or a roller crusher; (b) screening the crushed glass using at least one mesh; and (c) drying the crushed glass at least to 100°F; whereby the quantity of oil is reduced from the surface and wherein the crushed glass is dried to at least 100°F.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein said surface includes water or soil containing oil.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

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Claim 6 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the crushed glass is recyclable glass.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the crushed glass is formed by the process of crushing glass crushed using a roller crusher

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the crushed glass is colored glass.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the resultant crushed glass is subsequently screened through at least one mesh.

Claim 13 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 12, wherein the mesh is an inch mesh.

Claim 14 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the crushed glass is screened through at least two meshes.

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Claim 15 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 12+, wherein the crushed glass is dried to at least 100°F after screening through the mesh.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 15, wherein the crushed glass is dried to at least 350°F.

Claim 18 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 16, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through at least a 40 mesh.

Claim 19 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 16, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through a 30 mesh.

Claim 20 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 16, wherein the crushed glass is further screened through a 20 mesh.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the oil from the oil containing surface is adsorbed on the crushed glass and the oil with the crushed glass is further recycled as petroleum silica based product, water repellent product, roof shingles or asphalt.

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Claim 22 (Currently amended): A method of removing oil from oil containing surfaces, comprising the step of: applying crushed glass to said surface, whereby the quantity of oil is reduced from the surface, wherein the crushed glass is pre-crushed, pre-screened, crushed, dried and screened prior to application on the surface.

Claim 23 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 22, wherein the crushed glass is dried to temperature about 200-350°F.

Claim 24 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 22, wherein the crushed glass is screened with at least a 40 mesh.

Claim 25 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 21, wherein the oil from the oil containing surface is adsorbed on the crushed glass and the oil with the crushed glass is further recycled as petroleum silica based product, water repellent product, roof shingles or asphalt.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Cancelled).

Claim 28 (Cancelled).

Claim 29 (Cancelled).

Claim 30 (Cancelled).

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Claim 31 (Currently amended): A method of containment of oil spills from an oil container, comprising the step of:

~~surrounding~~ providing the oil container at least in part with a layer of crushed glass.

Claim 32 (Currently amended): A method according to Claim 31, wherein the crushed glass is ~~pre-crushed, pre-screened,~~ crushed, dried and screened prior to surrounding the oil container with crushed glass.

Claim 33 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 32, wherein the crushed glass is screened with at least a 40 mesh.

Claim 34 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 32, wherein the crushed glass is dried to a temperature about 200-350°F.

Claim 35 (Previously amended): A method according to Claim 31, wherein the oil container is an underground oil storage tank.